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## Shopping centre predicted to net £380k less than expected



The Castle Quay shopping Centre in Banbury

# CASTLE QUAY RENT DISMAY

FINANCE bosses have predicted that the Castle Quay shopping centre will bring in £380,000 less than expected in rent for Cherwell District Council this year.

The council did not reveal how much it had expected to make in total from the centre's rental income for 2015/16, but said that it would be down by hundreds of thousands in a report presented to its budget committee.

Some have blamed the hit in income on high rents putting businesses off taking up places in the centre. But the council did not comment on whether rents had led to fewer firms being there.

Spokeswoman Jemma Callow said: "The report highlights an expected reduction in rental income for the council from its interest in Castle Quay, which will be due to lower occupancy."

Cherwell District Council said that in the last financial year, 2014/15, it had made a total of £1.483m from its commercial rents.

Labour group Leader at Cherwell District Council and councillor Sean Woodcock said he thought the drop in rental income was due to shoppers choosing to go elsewhere and high rent prices putting off new businesses.

Mr Woodcock said: "I think it is the

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fact the Banbury Town Quay is a less attractive place for people to go shopping.

"There are a lot of empty shops there and I have heard the rents in Castle Quay are high, but people would pay high rent if they felt they could make enough money.

"I think people are finding new and cheaper facilities to do their shopping."

Mr Woodcock added that while he had fully expected the drop, he said he was very surprised that the figure was as high as £380,000.

Councillor Nicholas Turner said he believed the figure was down to nationwide trends in shopping, but that Banbury was still an attractive prospect for shoppers.

He added: "I think retail places have suffered reasonably and a down turn trend with shopping online. But in other towns you see a lot more empty shops. It is a very difficult time at the moment and the economy is very fragile. I think a lot of it is a trend at the moment because things have an up and down turn."

Sales assistant at Barnardo's, Chris-

topher Mooney, who started working at the charity shop on Parson's Street eight months ago, said he had seen a fall in the number of shoppers in the town.

The 25-year-old, who has lived in Banbury his whole life, added that he thought Castle Quay lacked variety and a modern range of quality shops for customers.

He added: "Since I have started working here there have not been a lot of people, so I think it is the whole of Banbury and I know shops are not doing as well as they should."

Scottish Widows, which rents the centre from the council, would not comment on the figures.

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## A LEVELS

# Hugs and tears day for A-level students

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PUPILS in Oxfordshire towns celebrated last week after picking up impressive A-Level results.

Anxious students turned up at school halls in Banbury, Abingdon, Didcot, Wallingford, Wantage, Witney and Bicester to pick up the envelopes.

There were whoops of joy as many teenagers got the grades they needed to gain places at top universities.

But others fought back tears as they faced an anxious wait to get on to courses through the clearing process.

Banbury Academy students celebrated at the Ruskin Road campus, where pass rates were at a record high.

Out of 102 students, 20 per cent achieved an A\* to A grade, 40 per cent scored A\* to B, and a total of 99 per cent passed with A\* to E grades.

Principal Pravahi Osman said: "I am really proud of the students."

Charlotte Weir, 18, and Jessica Young, 19, picked up their results together and were shocked to find they had each scooped two A\* grades and one A.

Miss Young, of Grimsbury, who will study children's nursing at Southampton, said: "It has been stressful but the teachers have been very supportive."

In Bicester, The Cooper School is celebrating its best set of A-Level results since introducing a sixth form in 2011.

A record 82 students sat exams at the Churchill Road school with half of all entries achieving A\* to B grades.

Twenty-two per cent of entries were in the A\* to A category.

Lewis O'Driscoll, 18, of Bicester, won a place to study mathematical physics at Nottingham with three A\* grades in chemistry, maths, further maths and an A in physics. He said: "It was such a relief I nearly cried."



The highest achiever at The Cooper School, Bicester, Lewis O'Driscoll

## Figures show grades have bounced back

THE A-level pass rate bounced back to its 2013 level after dropping last year for the first time in 32 years.

The number of exams with A\* to E grades rose from 98 per cent to 98.1 per cent, but the number of students gaining A\* or A grades fell from 26 per cent to 25.9 per cent.

Girls outperformed boys once again by one percentage point but for the fourth year running boys got more A\* grades with 8.7 per

cent compared to 7.8 per cent for females.

Figures from the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) suggested a record 409,410 students had been accepted on to degree courses so far, up three per cent on the same point last year.

The Joint Council for Qualifications director general, Michael Turner, said: "There have been no significant changes to the system, results are stable, and entries follow expected patterns."

## Academic star hits the highest marks



Christopher Macey, 18, with fellow top-scorer Sam Taylor Hill

THERE was no mistaking the top achiever at Banbury Academy this year, who arrived in full fancy dress.

Christopher Macey, 18, from Bodicote, gained three A\* grades in chemistry, maths and further maths. He plans to study maths and statistics at Warwick University.

He arrived in an Indian robe topped off with sunglasses, a hat and an ornamental drum, bought on holiday the week before.

He said: "I said if I got into my first choice I would wear it on results day. I'm feeling very happy. Without being cocky I'm not surprised. I studied for about four hours every day."

## Teen who lost father is going to uni

VICTORIES come in many forms, and few more bittersweet than for Banbury Academy's Maryam Masood.

The 18-year-old was devastated after her father, Muhammad Masood, died suddenly on February 27 this year.

In the aftermath Miss Masood saw her grades fall. But incredibly she bounced back and with the help of teachers won a place at her first-choice university.

Miss Masood, from Grimsbury, said: "When my dad passed away I just stopped everything."

"I went away to Pakistan for two weeks with my mum, and when I came back it was really difficult. My grades dropped a lot."

"But staff gave me all the support I needed and more. I was studying quite hard near exams, staying back quite late and coming in really early."

Miss Masood went to the academy's Ruskin Road campus for her results with 102 other students.

The hard work had paid off. With a C in art and design, an E in English language and a D in health and social care, Miss Masood will go to Northampton University in September to study fashion design.

Mother Nadra, who joined her daughter on the day, said: "I am so happy. I knew she was going to make it. If her dad was here he would be very happy."



Banbury Academy's Maryam Masood, pictured with her mother, Nadra

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# Frisbee team throw their efforts into competition

Non-contact sport is based on the principles of fair play and fostering a team spirit

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**MORE THAN 20** people have now signed up with a Banbury sports club that claims to be the town's first ever Ultimate Frisbee team.

The Banbury Big Worms, run by coach Noemie Huvelin from France, started in the town last summer when she and a few friends threw frisbees around after work at Spiceball Park.

Soon after, Miss Huvelin was running training twice a week in teaching the art of Ultimate Frisbee from her competitive experiences playing in France, Australia and Holland.

The non-contact sport involves two teams of seven passing the disc to each other and a goal is scored when one team has thrown a frisbee into the last 18 metres of a field which is the 'endzone.'

Players must stand still when in possession and opposing teams can gain possession by either intercepting the disc or waiting for it to touch the ground.

Food technologist Miss Huvelin, who started playing the sport in 2008, said she was only aware of the sport being played at Oxford University and believes it is Banbury's first ever Ultimate Frisbee team.

She added: "More and more people liked it because in the beginning it was more of a social thing."

"But some people started to take it a bit more seriously and then we played indoors at the Spiceball."

"They really like it because before taking up the sport because a few had started to play for fun now they are joining us."

"I love the team spirit and fair play, because there is no referee it is down to the player to decide and it works pretty well."

"At the end of the match you have to give a team a rating on how fair they have been, so at the end of a championship you have the rank of the fair play team."

"This is the first Banbury club. We have had a lot of people saying they wanted to do it but I can't find a team."

The team played its first regional championships in Birmingham last month and Miss Huvelin has now set her sights on further tournaments, including the Mixed Tours competition in London next year.



Just two years ago after being launched, the Banbury Big Worms have more than 20 players on their books. Here they are seen playing at Spiceball Leisure Centre, in Cherwell Drive

## Cider festival fun

**N OXON:** Music, cider and circus skills will be among the activities at this year's Bo Peep Cider Festival.

Visitors to the three-day festival at Bo Peep Caravan and Campsite in Adderbury will have their pick of 30 different types and brands of cider.

Bands include The Shadow Cats, Get Loose and Rory Evans, plus activities such as story telling and circus skills workshops for kids.

The cider festival will run from September 11 to 13 with an adult day tickets costing between £15 to £20. For details see [bopeepciderfest.moonfruit.com/](http://bopeepciderfest.moonfruit.com/)

## Cat injured by pellet

**CROPREDY:** A cat was shot with what police believe was an air rifle.

Thames Valley Police said the animal was injured earlier this month and vets worked to remove a pellet from the cat's body. Officers believe the injury happened when the animal was on the canal towpath or near the canal.

PC Craig Ridgley, from Banbury police station, said: "We are keen to find out if this is an isolated incident or if this is one in a series. If your cat has been injured by an air pellet please get in contact."

## Elderly lady rescued

**BANBURY:** An elderly woman was rescued on Wednesday of last week after being trapped under what Thames Valley Police believe was the front wheel of her own car.

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service received a call at 3.50pm after a woman was pinned by the leg under a green Ford Fiesta in Mewburn Road.

Fire service incident commander Dave Bray said the woman was seriously injured and had to be taken to hospital via air ambulance. Police are investigating the incident.

## Cricket for children

**BANBURY:** Youngsters were able to put their skills to the test at a cricket summer camp.

Cherwell District Council teamed up with the England and Wales Cricket Board to host a five-day camp at North Oxfordshire Academy this month.

Children aged between eight and 13 were able to brush up on their skills.

George Reynolds, Cherwell's deputy leader, said: "We decided to try something new and launch the cricket camp in time for the Ashes."



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# Fast food is getting faster with delivery

Personal trainer criticises new Burger King home delivery as latest diabetes figures released

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A HOME delivery service for Burger King in Banbury has prompted concerns about diabetes.

The town became the tenth place in the UK to get the scheme.

The chain has been offering delivery to homes within a two-mile radius of the restaurant in

Castle Quay shopping centre since Wednesday of last week.

Customers can order meals on the company's delivery website between noon and 3pm and 6pm to 10pm to get food delivered to their doors.

But personal trainer Kate Michalkova said that while nothing should obstruct personal choice, the home delivery service was not a good idea in the face of a growing diabetes crisis.

The mother-of-two, who lives in Banbury, added: "It is not a good idea especially when diabetes is a problem.

"People have to understand a healthy lifestyle prolongs their lives.

"It is temptation because it is very cheap compared to fresh meat and vegetables.

"My food bill is horrendous because of this.

"But if you go to McDonald's [for instance] you pay £1.49.

"So I'm really not surprised people buy meals for the whole family."

No-one at Burger King was available for comment.

Banbury is the tenth location to be picked out for the service.

Other locations so far include Northampton, Romford, Truro, Hornchurch, Gants Hill, Hull, Bury

St Edmunds, Hayes and Acton since launching in March.

It comes after a recent report from Diabetes UK showed that the number of people living with diabetes had increased by almost 60 per cent in the past decade.

According to the charity, 2.1million people had the condition in 2005 but that figure has since leapt to 3.3million, according to the latest figures.

But CEO of Banbury Young Homeless Project, Deborah Parker, who said health and wellbeing was a key facet of their charity, said the new service did not pose a problem to Banbury because it was the quantity that matters.

She added: "At the end of the day, it is not what you eat, it is how much of it you eat.

"There is nothing wrong with a burger but if you eat it every day you might have a problem.

"It is the quantity of it."

A spokesman at Oxfordshire County Council, Owen Morton, said: "It is a person's individual choice as to what they eat and drink.

"The council follows the national advice that a balanced diet, along with the recommended levels of physical activity, allows a person to manage their weight and health."



Body builder and fitness trainer Kate Michalkova from Banbury, who is worried about fast food deliveries

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in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for,

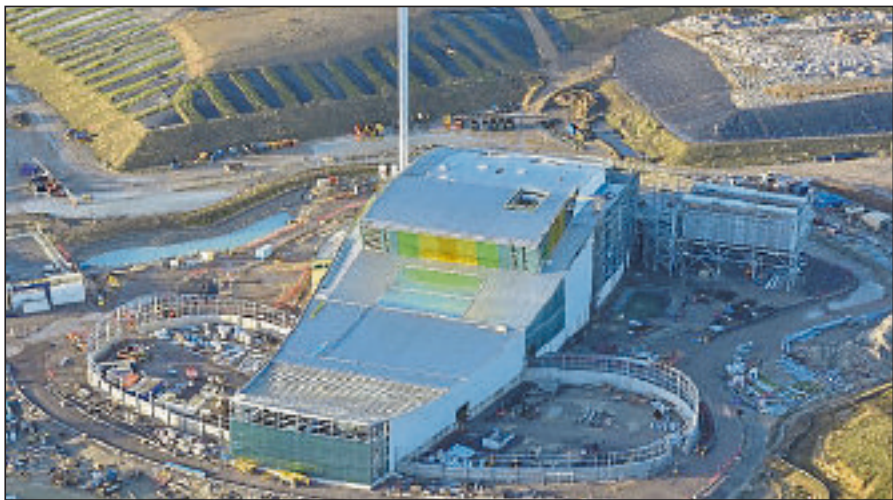
which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated."

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## Recycling centre holds tours to teach about green living

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An aerial view of the Ardley Incinerator being run by Viridor

RESIDENTS will get the chance to tour Ardley's Energy Recovery Facility in October to find out what happens to their rubbish.

An opportunity was offered from Cherwell District Council after operators Viridor invited residents to the £205million building last week.

Now a second tour is being prepared for October 6 at the 11-hectare site, which receives around 125,000 tonnes of rubbish from bins in Oxfordshire every year to be burned into an incinerator-generating energy.

Cherwell District Council's lead member for clean and green and councillor Debbie Pickford said: "We are always looking for new ways to educate residents and promote the importance of recycling.

"By working with Viridor we are able to show

people exactly how much rubbish is discarded on a daily basis and highlight the consequences of overflowing green bins to discourage people from contributing unnecessarily in the future.

"What was particularly impressive during the tour was not just the operations which take place on the site, but Viridor's investment in education.

"From organising school trips to recruiting apprentices and partnering local colleges and universities, the facility is working hard to invest in the future of young people."

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# Stolen watches returned

Collection recovered for elderly man after UV postcode spotted

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A PENSIONER has been reunited with more than 100 pocket watches that were stolen from his Banbury home.

The 115-piece collection was stolen from horologist Henry Peverill, 72, back in March 2014, but thanks to a UV postcode mark on one watch, police have finally been able to return them to their rightful owner.

The collection turned up four days after the burglary, when the antiques were seized by Coventry Police at a pawnbrokers.

A 29-year-old man from Coventry had tried to sell the stash at Cash Converters, which raised suspicions with staff, who then notified police.

Officers had been working to trace the collection back to its owner.

It was only when they spotted a faint UV marked postcode written on the back of one watch that they were able to connect



PC James Rees, Henry Peverill and DC Stephen Perry

the collection with Mr Peverill.

PC James Rees said: "It is always incredibly satisfying to return stolen items to where they belong, especially when they are irreplaceable and embody so much sentiment and memory as these watches do. Mr Peverill had understandably given up all hope of ever seeing them again so it was great to hand them over."



Some more from Mr Peverill's collection



Some of the returned 115 pocket watches

## Family fun fundraiser for new cafe

A SUMMER festival programme with foraging walks, honey-tasting and welly-wanging is being staged in Cherwell.

Banbury-based charity The Sunshine Centre, which provides support for families, is a hosting Summer Fest in Princess Diana Park.

The free festival will be held next Wednesday, in aid of a Build Our Cafe community campaign.

Tracy Rogers, from The Sunshine Centre, said: "There is a wonderful programme showing that you do not have to go far or spend a fortune to have fun with your family."

"Money raised from the event will go towards the community café which will provide a venue for meetings and training as well as giving the community the opportunity to get together and enjoy low cost, healthy meals and snacks."

The campaign was set up after people in Bretch Hill agreed a community cafe was needed.

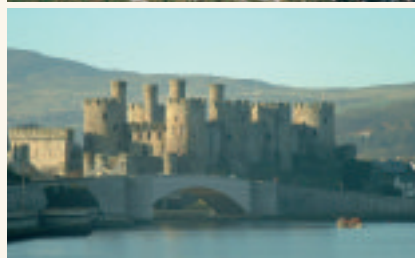
Planning permission has been given and funding is now being raised.

The day's events will be running from 11am to 3pm.

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## Elderly support project boosted

A SCHEME that helps support older people in the community has received an extra £165,000 in funding to continue until April 2016.

Older people's charity Age UK Oxfordshire began its circles of support campaign last October.

The scheme uses community workers and volunteers to help provide added assistance to older people in the community, and keep them out of hospital.

The countywide scheme received £85,000 from the Cabinet Office and

£80,000 from Oxford Health Charity.

Age UK Oxfordshire chief executive Paul Cann, said: "It is of huge concern that we allow our older people to decline physically and mentally, and to get stuck in the care system without all the help they need to live life their way."

"We believe that developing circles of support in the community helps to give them confidence, understanding and motivation to live life independently."

If you are interested in volunteering email [annnurse@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk](mailto:annnurse@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk) or call 07584 148 507.

# Man spared jail for sex with teen

Court is told how mother caught accused in bed with her 14-year-old daughter

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A TEENAGER, who was caught having sex with an underage schoolgirl by her mother, has avoided jail.

The court heard that Jordan Moore met the 14-year-old girl through friends in the summer of 2012 and the pair struck up a relationship which ended in February 2013.

However, prosecuting Richard Moss said that their relationship became sexual, despite 16-year-old Moore knowing she was under age.

He added: "Both her parents informed him of the age of their daughter, reminding him she was only 14. They said he accepted that."

But Mr Moss said Moore forced himself on the girl twice, once at Moore's supported accommodation at the Foyer, in Mawle Court, George Street, Banbury, and once in her home.

Mr Moss added: "It did not become sexual until December, but she describes him as controlling and at times physically violent towards her."

On the second occasion the pair had sex, Mr Moss said it was at her parents' home, where Moore was allowed to sleep in her sister's bed or on the floor of her room.

He added: "He came into her bed and she uses the term 'forced himself' upon her. This act was interrupted by her mother."



Judge Ian Pringle

Although the pair's relationship ended in February 2013, a complaint was not made to the police until June last year.

Moore, now 19 and working at Pound Stretcher, admitted three counts of sexual activity with a child, two by penetration and one by touching, at a hearing in March.

Terence Woods, defending, said his client was "immature" and had been living in supported accommodation since he left home at 15, following his father's death.

Judge Ian Pringle told Moore that if he had been an adult when he had had sex with the girl, he could have expected an immediate jail sentence.

However, Judge Pringle said Moore could be suitably punished with a two-year community order and 12 month's supervision. Moore was also banned from contacting the victim, who cannot be named for legal reasons, and from being alone with underage girls without parental supervision.

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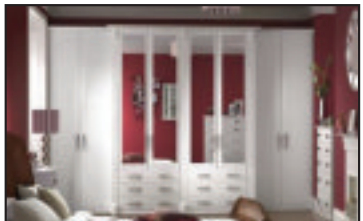
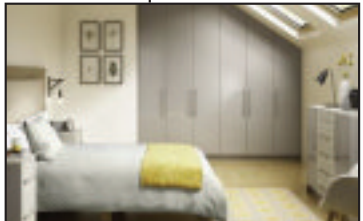
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# Respects paid to stalwart of town

Family and colleagues of Ann Bonner remember her passion and integrity

A FORMER mayor of Banbury, Ann Bonner, has died at the age of 62.

The Banbury town councillor, Cherwell district councillor and grandmother-of-two was described as a “tireless worker” by her colleagues, and “passionate” by her family.

During her time as mayor in 2008 she met the Queen when she visited the town with the Duke of Edinburgh.

Ann Bonner was an only child and grew up in Grimsbury.

She went to St Leonard’s Primary School and then Banbury School, now Banbury Academy, once she turned 11.

She left school at the age of 18 and got her first job at Barclays Bank in Banbury.

She stayed in the financial industry all of her life, mainly working at Mattessons and Walls when the firm was in Banbury, Bristol and West building society, Alex Lawrie, known as Lloyds TSB, and Bibby Financial Services. She stayed at Bibby for 15 years, and was still working there before she died.

She met her husband Derek in the town, and they married in 1972 at St Mary’s Church in Banbury. The couple moved into their first home in Barford St Michael.

They also lived in Old Park Close, Brantwood Rise, Winchester Close and Middleton Cheney.

They had a son, James, in 1977.

For several years Mrs Bonner worked as a tour guide at Broughton Castle alongside her other work.

She decided to leave after taking up her seat on Banbury Town Council and Cherwell District Council in 2004. She was also a member of Oxfordshire County Council for a short time.

From 2008-2009 she acted as mayor of the town, and in 2008 welcomed the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on their vis-



Former Banbury mayor Ann Bonner

Megan Archer  
news@nqo.co.uk

it to open the Leonard Cheshire Care Home in Warwick Road.

Mrs Bonner was a town and district councillor until she died this month.

Her former colleague Kieron Mallon praised the Grimsbury

and Castle town councillor as a “stalwart promoter” of the town.

He said she was passionate about all things she loved and always made her points with “style, integrity and a sense of humour”.

She leaves her husband Derek, son James and two granddaughters, age three and four.

Her funeral was at St Mary’s Church in Banbury on Monday.

## STRIKES MOSTLY MISS AREA

RAIL services across the county will come out largely unscathed from planned strikes at the end of the month.

Transport union RMT plans to take industrial action this Sunday and from Saturday August 29 to Monday August 31.

The dispute concerns the introduction of a new fleet of Hitachi inter-city trains and what it will mean for jobs.

## £200 FINE FOR USING MOBILE

STEPHEN Deacon, 28, of Sussex Drive, Banbury, was convicted of using a mobile phone while driving in A415 Marcham Road on November 17.

Local magistrates fined him £200 and ordered that he also paid a £20 victims’ surcharge and £85 costs. His driving licence endorsed with three points.

## ON-PHONE DRIVER IS FINED

CLAUDIO Marcucci, 50, of Neithrop Road, Banbury, admitted using a mobile phone while driving in A4155 Rowstock Road, Henley-on-Thames, on November 13. He was fined £100 and ordered to pay a £20 victims’ surcharge and £85 costs. His driving licence was endorsed with three points.

## GREEN TECHNOLOGY GONG

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## Fly-tipping warning over recycling plans

A FLY-TIPPING epidemic could grip Oxfordshire if the county is left with just three recycling centres, it has been warned.

Last week Oxfordshire County Council revealed its plans to build a new site to replace Ardley, near Bicester, and Alkerton, near Banbury.

Redbridge in Oxford and Drayton, near Abingdon, would either expand or close and be replaced by new sites. Dix Pit, near Stanton Harcourt, Oakley Wood, near Wallingford, and the centre at Stanford in the Vale could also close.

The proposals come as the county council tries to save money in the face of budget cuts and an increasing adult social care bill.

But Green Party leader on the county council, David Williams,



Oxfordshire County Council’s deputy leader Rodney Rose

said the plans, which could also see each centre’s opening times cut by 18 hours a week, would prompt fly-tipping everywhere.

One centre out of Dix Pit, Oakley Wood or Stanford in the Vale could be saved by a cut in opening hours, according to the local authority.

Council deputy leader Rodney Rose also said the authority was considering asking the Government to change the law so people could be charged for using the facilities.

A consultation on the proposals will run until Monday, October 5.

Views will be sought on where a fourth centre should potentially be located and, if hours are cut, when the centres should remain open.

It is estimated the proposals would save the authority £350,000.

Mr Rose said: “We currently spend about 50 per cent of our budget on children and adult social care. I cannot put household recycling centres as being more important than looking after our vulnerable.”



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"They told us we had to take them or they would all have to be put down, so we had to accept them."

"The thing with hamsters is they have to be separated quickly to prevent fighting or breeding, so the problem was having cages of hamsters everywhere."

"It certainly took us a while to

rehome all of them."

BARKS has been operating since 1986, founded by Jo and Jim Bennet, who used to adopt animals informally at their Banbury home.

Becoming a charity in 1997, it has continued to grow in size.

In 2014, BARKS' 40 volunteers took in 319 animals, including 108 cats, 85 kittens, 55 rabbits, and a menagerie of guinea pigs, degus, ferrets, hamsters, gerbils, ducklings, hedgehogs, bantam chickens, quails and squirrels.

Ms Collins warned that by the end of July this year, they had already taken in the 2015 total for cats and rabbits.

She said: "We'll take any small animals in distress which we can help."

"Our volunteers give a lot of their time and energy for the charity, but we're still struggling to make

ends meet."

"Last year we spent £22,000 on vets bills, and £6,400 alone on neutering costs for our animals."

"On average it costs us about £10 a week to look after a cat."

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# Rousing close to festival

Festival goers from across the world turned out to enjoy the three-day event

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ALMOST 17,000 people joined a massed sing-a-long to bring the weekend's Cropredy Festival to a rousing close.

A near sell-out crowd joined members of Fairport Convention, who organise the three-day festival, in the traditional rendition of the band's anthem *Meet on The Ledge*.

The folk-rock veterans' extended set was the highpoint of a festival – officially known as Fairport's Cropredy Convention – that attracted fans from across the world to a field outside Banbury.

After two days of rain and cloud, revellers were rewarded with blue skies and sunshine for the final day, which also featured sets by singer-songwriter Paul Carrack and 80s punk icon Toyah Wilcox.

Festival-goers had previously been treated to sets by Norwegian Gypsy-folk group Katzenjammer and country music legend Emmylou Harris, who played to devotees in a torrential downpour on Thursday night.

There was a flurry of Scottish talent on Friday, including Celtic folk band Skerryvore, Talisk, Fish from prog-rock act Marillion, and The Proclaimers.



The Proclaimers in full flow

Among those enjoying the festival was BBC radio and former *Old Grey Whistle Test* presenter "Whispering" Bob Harris, who recorded exclusive sets by many of the acts for his Under the Apple Tree sessions.

He said: "What an amazing weekend. Cropredy is a marvellous festi-

val; it's an oasis with a gentle atmosphere.

"It's like a safe harbour. The layout is always the same, with one field and one stage. It feels comfortable.

"It's a festival which gets passed down through the generations; you get whole generations of the

same family here."

Friday night's star Fish joined members of Fairport Convention for the finale along with folk singer Ian Matthews, who sang on the original version of *Meet on The Ledge* on the band's 1969 album *What We Did on Our Holidays*.



Heavy rain fails to dampen the spirits of festival goers



John Row enjoys a pint at Cropredy Festival

## Line's closure

**NORTH OXON:** Trains will not run between Banbury and Warwick Parkway on Sunday due to improvement works.

Bus replacement services will run between the stations and will also run from Banbury to Stratford-upon-Avon. Services will then continue from Warwick Parkway to Birmingham.

Chiltern Railways said the closure of the line was required to modernise signalling equipment and make changes to the track layout in the Banbury area. For further information visit [chilternrailways.co.uk](http://chilternrailways.co.uk).

## Estate fully let

**BANBURY:** The Tramway Industrial Estate is now fully let after a unit was leased out to vehicle security company On Board Defence.

The premises is close to Banbury railway station on Haslemere Way.

## Biker training

**DEDDINGTON:** The next Biker Down workshop will be held at the fire station on September 3.

Biker Down was launched by Oxfordshire County Council Fire and Rescue Service at the beginning of this month.

Workshops teach motorcyclists how to avoid crashing and what to do if they come across one.

The next free session, which can hold 12 people, is at Deddington Fire Station from 7.30pm to 10pm.

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# Three men bailed after being held in drugs' swoops

More than 100 police raid properties at dawn in bid to halt methadone traffic

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THREE men appeared in court last Friday following a series of dawn raids targeting the supply of drugs across Oxfordshire.

More than 100 officers raided properties in Banbury, Chipping Norton, Oxford, Aylesbury and Ashford, Middlesex.

The swoops – part of Operation Raise – aimed to try to cut the supply of methadone, also known as Meow Meow or M-Kat.

At Oxford Magistrates' Court, three of the seven men arrested following the raids appeared charged with drugs offences.

Ciaran Macdonagh, of

Northampton Road, Oxford, was charged with one count of conspiring to supply a class-B controlled drug, one count of possession of a controlled drug of class-A, cocaine, and one count of possession of a controlled drug of class-B, cathinone derivative.

Vishal Nazar, of Danvers Road, Oxford, has been charged with three counts of conspiring to supply a class-B controlled drug.

James Screeton, of Willes Close, Faringdon, has been charged with two counts of conspiring to supply a class-B controlled drug.

All three men were released on conditional bail and will appear for a preliminary hearing at Oxford Crown Court on September 4.

Jivani Hussain, 52, of Kenilworth Road, Ashford, Surrey, was charged with one count of conspiring to supply a class-B controlled drug. He is due to appear at

Oxford Magistrates' Court on September 15.

Two further men from Oxford, aged 48 and 39, were released on bail until November 3, and a 30-year-old man was released on bail until October 12.

Residents who live in the streets raided by officers, who used sniffer dogs, were shocked by the events.

One resident in Danvers Road, Rose Hill said: "It's disgusting. We feel like we are not safe here. It's such a shame really."

"There were about four police cars and I didn't know what was going on before a neighbour told my daughter."

Another said: "It's not very nice to hear about things like this in your area. I'm quite surprised something like this has happened. I have lived here for 45 years and it hasn't been a problem."

"But over the past 10 years there have been other raids by the police."

## First aid can save lives



Sophie Roger, Huba Marton, and Jessica Rose get a lesson from medic Dick Tracey

JUST three hours of your time could be the difference between life and death.

That's the message from St John Ambulance following its announcement that new first aid classes will come to Banbury, as well as Kidlington and Wantage.

The leading first aid charity has launched First Aid for All Ages courses aimed at anyone from the age of 12.

Classes particularly focus on emergency situations involving children who are choking, bleeding or have stopped breathing.

According to South East regional schools

and community training coordinator Beth Elger, current statistics surrounding first aid make these classes necessary.

She said: "No one should die because they needed first aid and didn't get it but, sadly, too many lives are lost every year in situations where first aid could have given people a chance to live."

"Only five per cent of people have had first aid training, 41 per cent say it would take something as severe as the death of a loved one to learn, and one in five parents don't think it's important to know first aid."

"These are shocking statistics and we'd like to

change this with our programme in Oxfordshire.

"At a St John Ambulance training course you'll learn to be the difference between life and death."

"You never know when you might need first aid – it could be at home, at work, on holiday or just out and about."

"It can all happen in a second."

The courses, which cost £30, will be held at Cherwell Business Village, Banbury, on September 19 and November 28.

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# Globe-trotting spy caper is all style and no substance

**THE MAN FROM U.N.C.L.E.**  
(12A, 116 mins)

Action/Romance/Comedy.

Starring Armie Hammer, Henry Cavill, Alicia Vikander, Elizabeth Debicki, Jared Harris, Sylvester Groth, Luca Calvani, Christian Berkel, Hugh Grant.  
Director: Guy Ritchie.

MORE than 50 years after the achingly cool TV series *The Man From U.N.C.L.E.* exploited Cold War paranoia for rollicking entertainment, director Guy Ritchie continues to explore fractious male dynamics in this globe-trotting spy caper.

The unlikely pairing of suave American agent Napoleon Solo and tightly coiled Ukrainian rival Illya Kuryakin during the Cold War remains unchanged in Ritchie's script, co-written by Lionel Wigram.

While the original pairing of Robert Vaughn and David McCallum lent swagger and smouldering sex appeal to the politically divided operatives, Ritchie's good-looking men from U.N.C.L.E. – namely Armie Hammer and Henry Cavill – radiate impeccably tailored style over substance and sizzle.

James Bond could arch an eyebrow and exude more charisma than either leading man manages here as they attempt to wrench a nuclear warhead from the clutches of a criminal network.

The film is having a laugh to suggest that these strapping and chiselled agents, both over six feet tall, could conduct covert surveillance without drawing attention.

Ritchie evidently agrees and

stokes all those homoerotic embers with a thinly veiled declaration of sexual preference that will prick up the ears of gay audiences as the men attempt to simultaneously pick two locks on a door and evade capture.

These throwaway moments, including an appearance by Pussy Galore's helicopter from *Goldfinger*, are symbolic of a film that has the right ingredients but yet no clear sense of how to blend everything smoothly together.

Victoria Vinciguerra (Elizabeth Debicki) is the beautiful mastermind of a criminal organisation, which hopes to destabilise global peace using a warhead armed by nuclear scientist Udo Teller (Christian Berkel).

CIA handler Sanders (Jared Harris) instructs his debonair agent Napoleon Solo (Cavill) to join forces with KGB counterpart Illya Kuryakin (Hammer).

Together they form an alliance to thwart Victoria's nefarious plan.

The two men bicker and brood and give each other pet names "Red Peril" and "Cowboy".

They then dangle Udo's car mechanic daughter, Gaby (Alicia Vikander) as bait to flush the scientist out of hiding.

En route, the agents clash with Gaby's sadistic uncle (played by Sylvester Groth) and forge an alliance with an unflappable British agent, Alexander Waverly (Hugh Grant).

*The Man From U.N.C.L.E.* lovingly evokes the textures, polish and poise of an era that rebelled against post-war drabness, with fine contributions from production designer Oliver Scholl and costume designer Joanna Johnston.



A film still from *Man From U.N.C.L.E.* with Henry Cavill

Picture: PA  
Photo/Daniel Smith/Warner Bros.

The film's soundtrack jives to jazzy beats.

It is matched by Ritchie's measured direction, which thankfully avoids some of his usual showboating.

If looks were everything, the film would twist and shout in a snazzy kaleidoscopic of split screens.

However, characters are poorly developed and on-screen chemistry between the leading men and a shamefully underused Vikander is tepid, to say the least.

"For a special agent, you're not having a very special day," Waverly quips to Kuryakin after one chase sequence.

On this handsomely crafted yet bland evidence, nor is Ritchie.

## Cake Bookworm

Hear the Wind Sing and Pinball 1973 by Haruki Murakami, published by Harvill Secker, priced £16.99 (ebook £5.69).

HARUKI Murakami, the celebrated and prolific Japanese author behind novels such as *Norwegian Wood*, *The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle* and *Colourless Tsukuru Tazaki And His Years Of Pilgrimage*, is back with two short stories – *Hear The Wind Sing* and *Pinball 1973*.

These adventures, which have been translated into English for the first time and have been published as a reversible hardback, are actually the writer's first works and precede *A Wild Sheep Chase*, first published in Japan in 1982.

It's interesting to discover an author's roots and many of the themes Murakami touches upon on in these two stories – such as loneliness, obsession and sex – recur in his later books. *Hear The Wind Sing* follows an

unnamed narrator as he returns home for his summer break from university, his friendship with his friend, known as "the Rat", and an unlikely romance with a girl with nine fingers.

*Pinball, 1973*, set three years later, sees the still-unnamed protagonist now working in Tokyo, whilst the Rat remains behind.

Haunted by memories of his own doomed relationship, the narrator is also focused on his short-lived obsession playing pinball, leading him on a mission to find a three-flipper Spaceship machine.

Bizarre and often surreal, these stories act as an intriguing exploration into Murakami's wacky mind and thought processes.

*Pillow Man* by Nick Coleman, published by Jonathan Cape, priced £16.99 (ebook £6.99).

IT'S the unexpected details that stand out in *Pillow Man*.

The two protagonists – William, a 50-something ex-rock musician turned department store salesman; and Lucy, a free-spirited part-time baker approaching her 40s – are not your typical leading man or leading lady.

The novel follows the two insomniacs and their developing relationship in alternate chapters, William's related in the first person, Lucy's in the third.

It's a beautifully written, modern and witty exploration of love, relationships and ageing, with no sign of sentimentality.

Author Nick Coleman is an eloquent writer, balancing the more tender and poignant moments with dry wit and sarcasm.

This is the second novel from the London-based writer, whose debut novel *The Train In The Night* was shortlisted for the 2012 Wellcome Book Prize, and which will, fairly frequently, make you snort with laughter.

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OUT: Tim Paine takes a catch during Banbury's ten-wicket victory

# Ramping up the pressure

Ruthless Banbury maintain title challenge

BANBURY maintained their push for the Division 1 title after skittling Oxford for just 75 in a crushing ten-wicket victory that relegated their opponents. They are three points behind Henley in the Serious Cricket Home Counties Premier League, with three matches remaining. Ollie Wright did the damage (5-10), as Oxford collapsed to 75 all out in 39.2 overs after being 45-0. Tim Paine wasted little time in securing victory, blasting 59 off 44 balls. Oxford began well after

being inserted, but the momentum shifted when Banbury's Richard West dismissed Brad Sutherland. Wright then had Alex Morgan and Harvey Eltham caught by wicket-keeper Paine for ducks in the same over. And Oxford disastrously lost seven wickets for 11 runs, including Ian Crosby, Ian Evans and Will Rooney for ducks, to crash on 75. Banbury were in no mood to hang around and in 10.1 overs they reached their target. Paine smashed eight fours and two sixes in his knock.

OXFORD	
B Sutherland c Paine b West.....	24
V Perera c Paine b Penhale.....	26
A Morgan c Paine b Wright.....	0
H Eltham c Paine b Wright.....	0
J Barrett st Paine b West.....	2
I Crosby c Keegan b West.....	0
I Evans lbw Wright.....	0
F Simon b Wright.....	4
W Rooney c Paine b Wright.....	0
A Spears c E Phillips b J Phillips.....	9
P Watson not out.....	1
Extras.....	9
Total (all out, 39.2 ovs).....	75
Fall: 1-45, 2-48, 3-48, 4-53, 5-53, 6-54, 7-58, 8-59, 9-73.	
Bowling: Keegan 5-0-10-0, Penhale 7.2-1-15-1, Blanchard 4-0-16-0, West 10-3-13-3, Wright 10-6-10-5, J Phillips 3-0-10-1.	
BANBURY	
T Paine not out.....	59
E Phillips not out.....	11
Extras.....	6
Total (0 wts, 10.1 ovs).....	76
Bowling: Rooney 5-0-27-0, Simon 3-0-14-0, Eltham 2-0-29-0, Sutherland 0.1-0-1-0.	
Oxford Opts, Banbury 20	

## Howards at the double for Puritans

LEAM Howards hit two goals as Banbury United recorded their first victory of the season, with a 4-1 success at Bridgwater Town in Evo-Stik Southern League Division 1 South & West. Mike Ford's side have picked up four points from three games and sit 13th in the table. Howards opened the scoring in the 19th minute, latching onto Jack McLaughlin's through ball. Zac McEachran slotted home on the half-hour mark to make it 2-0, before Howards tapped home before the break. The hosts improved after half-time and pulled a goal back through Reeko Best. Banbury nearly extended their lead immediately from kick-off as Mark Bell attempted an audacious shot that hit the bar. However, United did get a fourth, thanks to Carl Tappin's stoppage-time overhead kick. Banbury Utd: Harding, White, Steedman, Martin, Johnson, Gunn, Evangelinos (Browne 60), McLaughlin, Howards, Bell (Tap-pin 79), McEachran (Baylis 81). Subs not used: Cox, Bowles.

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ARIES

Mar 21-Apr 19

A fall out is not as bad as it first seems. Don't be afraid to pick up the phone and see if you can find some middle ground. Doing so on Tuesday or Thursday really can make all the difference. Media links in your work prove lucky and can help to take your career up to the next level. Flirtations at work get dangerous. Ring now to hear what I think you need from a partner.

0906 585 4360

TAURUS

Apr 20-May 20

You haven't been making the most of the opportunities which are being offered to you and from Sunday you are limited as to how much longer others are willing to wait for you to say yes. Open your eyes and take off those blinkers. Aspects suggest you've been waiting for someone who would not do the same for you. Better treatment on Friday stirs your heart. Call for details.

0906 585 4361

GEMINI

May 21-Jun 20

Jupiter pushes you to ask for more from relationships, but this could well see some of you Geminis asking for more than you actually want. Stop and take a moment to breathe Gemini. You're not in a race and what close ones have been asking for may not be ultimately what will make you happy. Honest admissions you make on Sunday help you realise what you need. Ring now for support.

0906 585 4362

CANCER

Jun 21-Jul 22

Have you been making more of problems than is necessary or has a close one really behaved that badly? Only you can decide what your standards should be, but the mixed messages you have been sending off lately are confusing even you. Invitations you get from Thursday are your cue for peace talks, so make sure you accept. Ring now to hear how Saturn solves a financial dilemma.

0906 585 4363

LEO

Jul 23-Aug 22

There have been too many mixed messages from those you've been working with in your career and it would be a good idea to take things up to the next level and seek answers from those with a higher power. A flirtation from the past comes back into your life and this time they're willing to offer even more. Ring now to hear why this is a great month for promotions.

0906 585 4364

VIRGO

Aug 23-Sep 22

Don't be too hard on close ones who have told white lies, as the aspects suggest that many of the signs felt they had no choice. They had been pushed into a corner. Your element of earth helps you to find common ground with close ones on Sunday, so use it to your advantage. The Sun clears the way for better working conditions from Tuesday. Call me now to find out about tomorrow today.

0906 585 4365

LIBRA

Sep 23-Oct 22

Your sign was not born to cope with things alone, but I can see quite clearly that this is what you've been trying to do. Time spent thinking about what you want from your long term future helps you to feel more like you again. Don't get in the middle of rows in the family which don't concern you or you could end up being the one left out in the cold. Ring now for a message from Neptune.

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SCORPIO

Oct 23-Nov 21

Acting on gossip is dangerous this week, as is repeating it. Family want more of your time than you're willing to give, but try to be flexible as there is good reason behind their demands. Venus helps you make up your mind about a personal situation which has been going through a stale phase. Ring now to hear why travel and work promise you the success you missed out on last month.

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SAGITTARIUS

Nov 22-Dec 21

Working harder pays dividends this week and indeed for the rest of the month. You can impress even the most difficult of faces with your enthusiasm and ideas. Solo ventures you dream up on Sunday form the basis for a new and improved chapter of your working life. Use your element of fire to deal with that financial issue you've been ignoring. Ring now for inspiration.

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CAPRICORN

Dec 22-Jan 19

Regrets you have about past relationships are not as serious as you at first think, so try to back down and cut yourself some slack. You are a clever sign with ambitious ideas so of course you're going to have dramatic times. Aries and Virgo can help you clear up that relationship difference you're still licking your wounds over. Ring now to hear why this is such a good month for romance.

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AQUARIUS

Jan 20-Feb 18

You wanted to make some extra money and now is your chance as you start to meet with those who hold the power to take your career up to the next level. Misunderstandings in relationships at the weekend must be sorted out before Tuesday or you may lose the chance to talk things through with them altogether. Ring now to hear why this is such a great year for family reunions.

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PISCES

Feb 19-Mar 20

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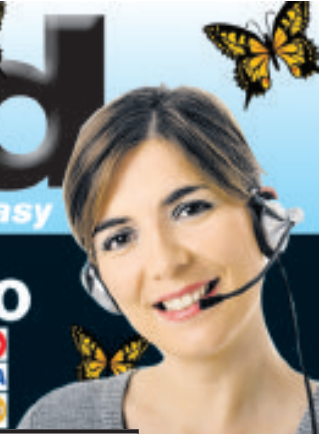
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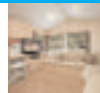
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1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period during which comments may be made on the Supplementary Environmental Statement deposited with the Additional Provision (SES) and the Environmental Statement relating to the Additional Provision (AP2 ES) is extended.
2. The published notice stated that persons who wish to make comments on the SES and AP2 ES should send them on or before 28 August 2015. **That period is now extended to Friday 18 September 2015** and details of how to submit any comments or further comments are given in paragraph 8 below.
3. An appendix within volume 5 of the SES and AP2 ES as deposited for public inspection from 17 July 2015 in the offices and libraries mentioned in paragraphs 4 and 5 below omitted certain supporting information relating to bat movements in the Bernwood Forest (CFAs 12 and 13) and Radstone area (CFA14)
4. As from 10 August 2015 the omitted material (in the form of complete documents) has been made available for public inspection at the offices and libraries at which copies of the SES and AP2 ES (together with copies of the Non-Technical Summary, Additional Provision Amendments, Plans and Sections and Book of Reference and Bill) have been made available and which are set out in Parts I and II respectively of the Schedule to this notice.
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8. Any person who wishes to make comments or further comments on the SES and AP2 ES should send them either by post to: FREEPOST HS2 AP2 CONSULTATION, or by email to: [HS2PhaseOneAPjuly2015@dialoguebydesign.co.uk](mailto:HS2PhaseOneAPjuly2015@dialoguebydesign.co.uk) on or before **Friday 18 September 2015**. There is no need to resubmit any comments which have already been made as set out above.
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PART I

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  - Amersham Library, Chiltern Avenue, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, HP6 5AH
  - Chalfont St Giles Community Library, High Street, Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire, HP8 4QA
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  - Chesham Library and Study Centre, Elgiva Lane, Chesham, Buckinghamshire, HP5 2JD
  - Great Missenden Library, High Street, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, HP16 0AL
  - Aylesbury Study Centre, County Hall, Walton Street, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP20 1UU
  - Wendover Community Library, High Street, Wendover, Buckinghamshire, HP22 6DU
  - Princes Risborough Library, Bell Street, Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire, HP27 0AA
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## MX-5 offers class and smooth drive

By John Carter  
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THE pressure was on ... eldest daughter had requested a 'special' car to get her to her prom.

Painstaking research had gone into finding the perfect dress. Should it be straight off the rail, made to measure or bought on the web? With the purchase made, it was my turn to deliver.

I needed a top man with contacts in the motoring trade.

"How about a Mixie?" he asked. I didn't know what one was, but a Google search later I was certain it would fit the bill.

For the uninitiated a Mixie was my motoring contact's endearing term for a Mazda MX-5. I deliberately kept its identity secret from an increasingly excited daughter and a couple of months later the big prom day was upon us.

What was delivered couldn't have been any more perfect. This was a slick-looking Mazda MX-5 Roadster Coupe 2.0i, with the essential ingredient for this time of year – a power-folding metal roof.

And you'll never guess what? The classy Crystal White Pearl bodywork matched Megan's

dress perfectly.

With ribbons tied to the door handles, I don't know who was more excited as I pulled up outside the house; Megan for a ride in style to her prom, or me for the chance to make a grand entrance.

The MX-5 doesn't have a throaty-sounding engine, but what it lacks in noise it makes up for in looks. The feeling of cruising down the motorway with the roof down made proud dad and his 15-year-old daughter feel like a million dollars. The MX-5 Roadster can reach 0 to 62mph in 7.9 sec and has a top speed of 136mph.

But for someone who doesn't really understand the complexi-



The Mazda MX-5 Roadster Coupe 2.0i

### Auto facts

Model: Mazda MX-5 Roadster Coupe 2.0i

Price: £20,095

Insurance group: 28E

Fuel consumption (combined): 36.2mpg

Top speed: 136mph

Luggage capacity: 5.3 cu ft

Fuel tank capacity: 11 gallons/50 litres

CO2 emissions: 181g/km

Warranty: 3 years/60,000 miles

ties of what goes on underneath bonnet, this experience was always going to be about the looks.

So how about black leather seats to provide a sharp contrast to the Crystal White Pearl bodywork?

Black leather handbrake and steering wheel, that dazzling alloy pedal set and 17-inch alloy wheels.

And alongside a vast array of prom vehicles, from double-decker buses to limousines, the Mazda MX-5 Roadster Coupe 2.0i certainly didn't look out of place at all.

## Popular bus festival returns

### More than 100 vehicles in exhibition

THE nostalgic Buses Festival is set to return to the Heritage Motor Centre, at Gaydon, near Banbury, on Sunday for the enjoyment of bus and coach enthusiasts.

Organised by Key Publishing, publisher of Buses Magazine and sponsored by TTC Diecast, the festival will feature a remarkable display of more than 100 classic and modern buses and coaches.

Visitors can also enjoy heritage bus rides around local routes and the centre's internal road network.

There will also be trade

stands selling models, collectibles, photographs and lots of other bus-related material.

Tom Caren, the show manager for the Heritage Motor Centre, said: "The Buses Festival is a great day out for all from enthusiasts to families.

The festival is fast becoming one of the best classic and modern bus and coach events of the year."

Entry to the museum is also included within the show price so visitors can see over 180 vehicles on display showcasing British

innovations in both road and race cars. In addition, the HMC has first-class catering facilities, toilets, including disabled facilities and a gift shop.

Advance tickets cost £10 for adults and £6 for children (aged 5-15) or £12 for adults and £8 for children on the day.

For more information and links please visit the website at [www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk](http://www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk).

Gift aid season tickets, Tesco Clubcards or any other promotional offers are valid for the event.

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### In Brief

Almost half of drivers use their car as a travelling wardrobe, according to new research. Insurance company 1st Central compiled data that suggests 47% of people keep clothes in their car at all times. And 1.8 million drivers are using their car to hide new purchases from their partner. Andy James, UK CEO at 1ST Central, said: "Insurers will cover motorists for damage to clothes left in their cars or items that are stolen, but we'd advise that drivers keep irreplaceable items at home."

Renowned motoring artist Tim Layzell has created a one-off piece to celebrate the first Classic and Sports Car London show this autumn. The artwork features the iconic Alexandra Palace, the location for the show, and three legendary British cars that are among the contenders in the poll for the Best British Car Ever: the Jaguar E-Type, Bentley Speed Six and McLaren F1, all depicted in Layzell's distinctive style. The show is from October 30 to November 1, with the winner announced at the show. Votes at [www.classicandsportscarshow.com](http://www.classicandsportscarshow.com)

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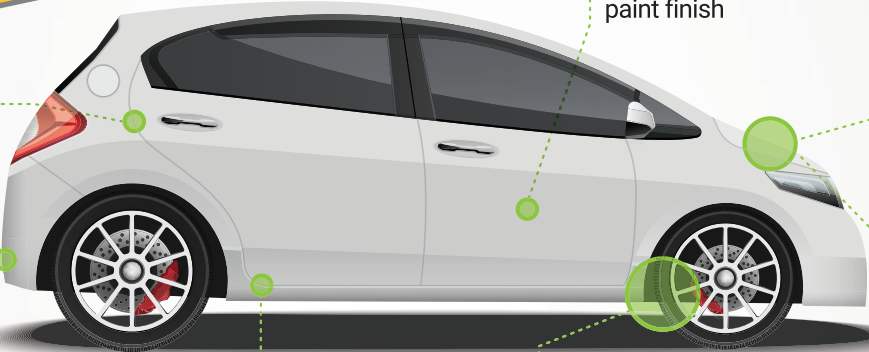




# THINGS TO CHECK

## WHEN BUYING A USED CAR

Giving a used car a **thorough check** can seem daunting, but many faults are easy to spot. This infographic takes you through the must-do checks when inspecting!




### THE CHECK LIST

- PAINTWORK**  
Check for a consistent paint finish
- DOORS, WINDOWS & BOOT**  
Make sure they open and close smoothly
- UNDER THE BONNET**  
Check for leaks and battery connectors for rust.
- EXHAUST**  
Is there any blue or black smoke?
- GAPS BETWEEN THE PANELS**  
Should be the same width
- TYRES & RIMS**  
Check tread and that the tyres have even wear. **Legal depth is 1.6mm across the width of the tyre.**
- NOISES**  
Any abnormal noises when the engine is started form cold?
- OIL**  
Check with the dipstick & make sure the oil warning light goes out as soon as the engine starts.


### THE TEST DRIVE

**SPEND BETWEEN 15-30 MINUTES BEHIND THE WHEEL**




#### BRAKES

Are the brakes effective or does it take a long time or a lot of effort to stop?  
Is braking even or does the car pull to one side?  
Any unusual noises when you brake?




#### STEERING

Any steering vibration or pull to one side?  
Drive the car on a variety of roads and road surfaces, at slow, moderate speeds  
Is the handbrake effective?





#### GEARS

Make sure you use every gear in a manual car and ensure each one engages smoothly




### CHECKING THE DOCUMENTS


 Always visit dealers at their business location, and check the address listed in the car's logbook



CHECK THE CAR'S LOGBOOK



LOOK AT EACH MOT CERTIFICATE AND SERVICING STAMP



ANY SIGN OF SCRATCHES ON GLASS TO REMOVE ETCHED-IN MARKS?

#### CAN THE SELLER SHOW YOU THE V5C REGISTRATION DOCUMENT?

Does the vehicle identification number, engine number and colour **match** the V5C?  
Does the number plate **match** the V5C?

**ONLY ACCEPT** original paperwork

### THE MILEAGE

Does the **mileage, age and appearance** of the car **look consistent**?  
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